

Testimony for House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

House Bill 398

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Chairman Brown, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Clyde, and the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit testimony for House Bill 398. The CAUV program has been very important to Ohio farmers since its inception. The last few years have uncovered a few flaws, namely CAUV's slowness to react to present conditions. We are now paying taxes based on market conditions of a few years ago. When markets improved 10 years ago, it took tax rates several years to catch up. Now, the rates have caught up but market conditions have deteriorated. The changes proposed by the Ohio Farm Bureau would help improve the CAUV program. Thank you for your consideration.